



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
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DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE
and SCOPING NOTICE

Wild Horse Wind Power Project - Application No. 2004-01

Description of Proposal: Wild Horse Wind Power Project, Application No. 2004-01. Wind Ridge Power Partners, L.L.C., (Applicant) is proposing a 312-megawatt wind powered electrical generation facility consisting of up to 158 wind turbines measuring up to 410 feet at tip height, and up 295 feet rotor diameter. Related project facilities would include: 17 miles of new roads; improvements to 15 miles of existing roads; approximately 27 miles of underground, and 2 miles of overhead, 34.5 kV collection system power lines; 14 miles of overhead 230 kV transmission feeder lines; step-up and interconnection substations; 5,000 square foot operations and maintenance facility and associated parking area; visitor's kiosk; up to six permanent meteorological towers; and an on-site concrete batch plant and three on-site quarries.

The project would interconnect directly with either Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) Inter Mountain Power Line (230 kV) or Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Grand Coulee to Olympia (287 kV) or Columbia to Covington (230 kV) lines. Interconnection to the PSE system would be north of the location of where the PSE Inter Mountain Power Line crosses Highway I-90. Interconnection to the BPA system would be located 14 miles northwest of the Project site at the existing BPA Schultz substation.

Proponent: Wind Ridge Power Partners, L.L.C., c/o Zilkha Renewable Energy, 1001 McKinney Street, Suite 1740, Houston, Texas 77002.

Location of Proposal: The Project would be located on the open ridge tops of Whiskey Dick Mountain, 11 miles east of the City of Kittitas, and two miles north of Vantage Highway, in Kittitas County, Washington. The Project would be constructed across a land area of approximately 8,600 Acres. A permanent footprint of 165 acres of land area would be required to accommodate the proposed turbines and related support facilities. Turbines would be located in areas that are currently zoned as Forest and Range and Commercial Agriculture by Kittitas County.

The Project would be primarily located on rangeland to be purchased by Wind Ridge Power Partners, L.L.C.. Parts of the Project are proposed on Washington State Department of Natural Resources land for which the Applicant has secured a long term lease. One portion of the Project would be located on land owned by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Access to the Project site would be achieved via an existing private graveled access road which branches from Vantage Highway, approximately 11 miles east of the City of Kittitas.

Lead Agency: Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

EIS Required: The lead agency has determined that this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) and will be prepared. An Application for Site Certification has been submitted by the proponent and is available for review at the EFSEC office. Copies have also been provided to Kittitas County and to local libraries. The Application and other materials indicating likely environmental impacts are also available at EFSEC's web site at www.efsec.wa.gov.

The lead agency has identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS: Earth; Plants and Animals/Fisheries; Water Resources; Hazardous Materials; Energy Use/Conservation; Land Use; Relationship to Plans and Policies; Population and Housing; Socioeconomic Conditions; Cultural Resources; Aesthetics/Design; Parks and Recreation; Transportation; Air Quality; Noise; Public Services; and Utilities.

Scoping and Scoping Meeting: Agencies, affected Tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. Interested persons or organizations may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. Public comment may be given in writing or in person as follows:

Written comments should be mailed to the Responsible Official:

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Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
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Via facsimile to (360) 956-2158;
Via e-mail to efsec@ep.cted.wa.gov.

Oral comments will be accepted at a **Public Scoping Meeting: April 22, 2004, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** to be held at:

**Home Arts Building
Kittitas County Fairgrounds
512 North Poplar Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926**

The meeting will begin with an Open House at 6:00 p.m., followed at 6:30 p.m. with an informational presentation, a formal Land-Use Hearing at 7:00 p.m., and a formal scoping meeting pursuant to the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act after the conclusion of the Land-Use Hearing.

All scoping comments must be **received in the EFSEC office no later than April 30, 2004**. Written comments may also be submitted at the April 22, 2004 meeting.

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